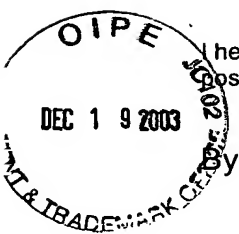


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Sir:

The above-mentioned new patent application was filed on August 15, 2003 without a signed oath or declaration, under the provision of 37 C.F.R. 1.53(f).

In accordance with the above-mentioned rule, the signed declaration was forwarded to the Patent Office with a mailing certificate and the surcharge on October 30, 2003.

Counsel has now received a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application, dated November 12, 2003. However, as mentioned above, the original signed declaration has already been filed.

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